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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) Los Angeles – Reseda Man Sentenced for Burglary and Selling Stolen Firearms to Convicted Felons (U) A San Fernando Valley man was sentenced yesterday to 115 months in federal prison for burglarizing self-storage units in Southern California, stealing dozens of firearms, and selling some of the weapons to convicted felons. From December 2018 to September 2019. Rick Eric Herst of Reseda, conspired with

convicted felons. From December 2018 to September 2019, Rick Eric Herst of Reseda, conspired with two others to burglarize multiple self-storage units in Glendale, Valencia, Culver City, West Los Angeles, Northridge, Culver City, Thousand Oaks, Rancho Mirage and elsewhere, stealing firearms and other valuables. They offered the stolen firearms for sale to customers either in person or via text message, including to buyers they knew were convicted felons.

SOURCE: 18 May 2022, CA DOJ

(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER

(U) California – CBP Officers Seize More Than Half a Million Dollars of Narcotics

(U) San Diego – US CBP officers at the Calexico East Port of Entry intercepted over half a million dollars' worth of methamphetamine over the weekend. On 11 May officers detained a 19-year-old driver after a searched his vehicle uncovered 35 concealed packages of methamphetamine, weighing a total of 262.09 pounds. The narcotics have an estimated street value of \$576,598.

SOURCE: 17 May 2022, US CBP

(U) Texas – Border Patrol Agents Encounter Six Large Groups of Migrants in Less Than Two Days

(U) Del Rio – USBP agents assigned to Del Rio Sector's Eagle Pass Station apprehended six large groups of migrants within a 36-hour period. On 16 May, agents encountered two large groups of over 100 migrants after making illegal entry into the United States near Normandy, Texas. On 17 May, agents encountered four separate groups ranging 100-200 migrants. Among the large groups were 456 Cubans, 154 Colombians, 96 Venezuelans, 81 Nicaraguans, 61 Peruvians, and 30 Hondurans. All individuals were transported to the Eagle Pass Centralized Processing Center.

SOURCE: 18 May 2022, US CBP

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Georgia – Man Charged with Federal Hate Crimes for Two Racially Motivated Shooting Incidents

(U) Atlanta – A Georgia man was indicted on federal hate crime charges and firearms violations this week after opening fire at two Clayton County gas stations last summer. Officers responding to the shootings arrested Larry Edward Foxworth and discovered an open container and a bag of ammunition including spent shell casings inside the car. As he was being taken into custody police said he made several derogatory statements and admitted the intention of the attack was to commit a hate crime. SOURCE: 18 May 2022, FOX 5 Atlanta US DOJ

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(U) New York – US Charges One American, Four Chinese Officials With Spying

(U) New York – A US citizen and four Chinese intelligence officers have been charged with spying on Chinese dissidents, human rights leaders and pro-democracy activists residing in the US. The indictment accuses Wang Shujun, of Queens, New York, of using his status within Chinese diaspora and dissident communities to collect information about activists on behalf of China's Ministry of State Security (MSS) since at least 2011. Wang was arrested on 16 March, while the four MSS officials, who the department named as Feng He, Jie Ji, Ming Li and Keqing Lu, are still at large. The indictment alleges that MSS officials directed Wang to target Hong Kong pro-democracy activists, advocates for Taiwanese independence and Uyghur and Tibetan activists.

SOURCE: 19 May 2022, Reuters US DOJ

(U) Tennessee - One Dead, One in Critical Condition in Shooting after High School Graduation

(U) Rutherford – One person was killed, and another was injured in a shooting after a high school graduation ceremony held on a Tennessee college campus. Gunfire broke out as people were leaving the ceremony for Riverdale High School that took place at the Murphy Center on Middle Tennessee State University's campus. Officers responded to the shooting and found two people with gunshot wounds. One was pronounced dead and the other was critical but stable. One suspect remains at large. SOURCE: 19 May 2022, NBC News

(U) Texas - Lockheed Martin Plant Locked Down After Shooting Incident, 'Suspicious Device' Found

(U) White Settlement – A Lockheed Martin plant was locked down after a shooting incident that occurred this morning. According to the White Settlement Police Department, an incident involving one person occurred at the facility's main gate shortly after 5:30 am. Police said an unknown incident occurred at the facility which resulted in the individual's death and may have involved a suicide. No others were injured during the shooting, police said. Officers expanded their lockdown perimeter after finding a suspicious device in the suspect's vehicle, and bomb technicians were on scene.

SOURCE: 19 May 2022, NBC Dallas-Fort Worth

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(U) Indonesia – Indonesian Police Arrest 24 Suspected Militants in Raids

(U) Palu – Indonesian police arrested 24 suspected militants believed to have links to extremists accused of beheadings in remote mountain jungles and who pledged allegiance to the Islamic State of Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS). Twenty-two of the suspects were arrested over the weekend in Poso, an extremist hotbed in Central Sulawesi province. According to officials, the suspects are active supporters of the East Indonesia Mujahideen. Police seized a revolver, 10 air guns, an arrow, and 26 machetes in the raids and were interrogating the suspects.

SOURCE: 18 May 2022, Reuters

(U) Tajikistan – Eight Militants Killed After Ambushing Convoy

(U) Dushanbe – Security forces killed eight anti-government militants and detained more than 70 who had ambushed a convoy during an operation in eastern Tajikistan. One officer was also killed in the clash

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in Gorno-Badakhshan province, which borders Afghanistan and China. The ministry said some 200 members of what it called organized criminal groups had blocked a road linking Tajikistan and China. The same groups attacked a security convoy with firearms and petrol bombs, killing the officer and wounding 13 other troops.

SOURCE: 18 May 2022, Reuters

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